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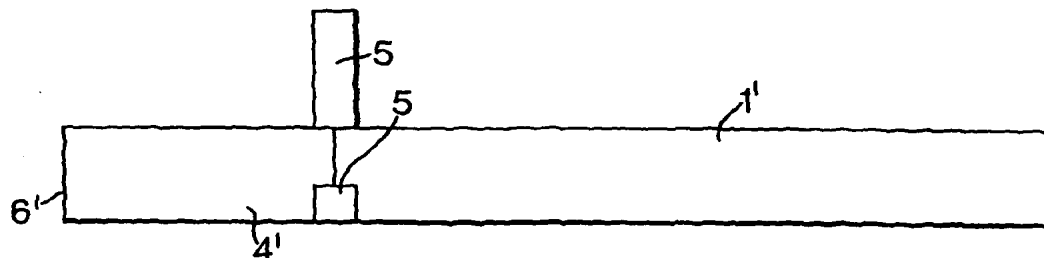
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a filter-tip cigarette with a tobacco rod (1) wrapped in a cigarette paper and a filter (6) wrapped along its length in tipping paper (4) or other wrapper being other than plugwrap, and a strip of material (5) fully covering the tipping paper of the filter and the cigarette paper of the wrapped tobacco rod in the region of the abutment between tobacco rod and filter bonds together the filter and tobacco rod. In addition, the invention relates to a process for the manufacture of such a filter, which may also be employed for the manufacture of 'double unit cigarettes'.

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A filter cigarette and a method for manufacturing the same, whereby the filter is connected to the tobacco rod by a strip of material and the filter is plugged in a paper which is different than the conventional plugwrap.

2. Claim : 19

A method for manufacturing a filter tip cigarette comprising the steps of producing a filter being wrapped in a paper which is not the conventional plugwrap and whereby particulate material is attached thereto.

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